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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: US/REPUBLIC OF CHINA BILATERAL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO T. W. HU, ECONOMIC
COUNSELOR, EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, RE CATEGORIES
638/9:

QUOTE

OVER THE PAST MONTH AND A HALF, YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE ASKED FOR
CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS REGARDING CATEGORIES 638 AND 639
IN THE NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES EARLIER THIS YEAR. YOUR EARLIER REQUEST TO MAKE
A SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT FROM CATEGORY 639 INTO CATEGORY 638
WAS NOT AGREED TO BY CITA. HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME, I
SUGGESTED THAT YOU RENEW YOUR REQUEST A MONTH OR SO LATER.
THIS YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR LETTER OF MAY 17.

I HAVE PERSONALLY RAISED YOUR AMENDED REQUEST WITH THE
INTER-AGENCY MEMBERS OF CITA AS WELL AS WITH THE CONCERNED
INDUSTRY ADVISORS, AND I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ACCEDE TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST AT THIS TIME. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
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PERHAPS COMES AS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO YOU AND TO YOUR
AUTHORITIES, BUT THE IMPORT PENETRATION SITUATION IN BOTH
CATEGORIES 638 AND 639 IS SUCH THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO
AGREE TO ANY FURTHER INCREASES IN EITHER OF THOSE TWO
CATEGORIES AT THIS TIME.

I WOULD SUGGEST, NONETHELESS, THAT YOU AGAIN BRING THIS

MATTER UP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN ABOUT A MONTH'S
TIME WHEN, PERHAPS, THE SITUATION MAY HAVE CHANGED
SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER YOUR
REQUEST.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH. SIGNED MICHAEL B. SMITH.TOUSSAINT

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